

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 04-1956

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

CHARLES ROBERT PARKINS; A&E TECHNICAL
SERVICES, INCORPORATED,

Defendants - Appellants.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern
District of West Virginia, at Charleston. Joseph Robert Goodwin,
District Judge. (CA-02-1094-2)

Submitted: January 28, 2005

Decided: February 10, 2005

Before WILKINSON, NIEMEYER, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Harold S. Albertson, Jr., Charleston, West Virginia, for
Appellants. Kasey Warner, United States Attorney, Carol A. Casto,
Assistant United States Attorney, Charleston, West Virginia, for
Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Charles Robert Parkins and A&E Technical Services, Incorporated, appeal the district court's order granting summary judgment in favor of the United States on the United States' claim that they violated the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 (2000).^{*} We have reviewed the parties' briefs and the joint appendix and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm for the reasons stated by the district court. See United States v. Parkins, No. CA-02-1094-2 (S.D.W. Va. Feb. 20, 2004; July 1, 2004). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED

^{*}Although Appellants also state that they appeal from the district court's order awarding damages, they failed to provide argument on the damages issue in their opening brief. We therefore find that this issue is not properly before us. See United States v. Al-Hamdi, 356 F.3d 564, 571 n.8 (4th Cir. 2004) ("It is a well settled rule that contentions not raised in the argument section of the opening brief are abandoned.").